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SUBJECT: UN RHODESIAN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING, OCT 30

1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS STATED THEIR POSITION ON VARIOUS PROPOSALS RELATED TO EXPANSION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODESIA. JAPAN INDICATED IT WAS UNABLE TO OFFER CONCRETE STATEMENT UNTIL COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING NOV 13. (REPORT WILL BE PREPARED IN DRAFT, FOLLOWING THAT MEETING, FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE AT MEETING THEREAFTER NOV 20.) SWEDEN SUPPORTED PROPOSALS TO BREAK COMMUNICATIONS WITH SOUTHERN RHODESIA, DISCONTINUE INSURANCE COVERAGE, CUT AIR LINKS, AND DECLARE USE OF TRADE NAMES AND FRANCHISES AS ILLEGAL. SWEDEN CANNOT, HOWEVER, RESTRICT ISSUANCE OR USE OF SWEDISH PASSPORTS. UK UNWILLING CUT COMMUNICATIONS, OPPOSED TO BREAK IN AIR LINKS, EXPECTS TO BE FORTHCOMING CONCERNING TRADE NAMES, PROBABLY WILL HAVE TROUBLE CONCERNING LIMITATION OF PASSPORTS. FRENCH NOTED THAT THEIR VIEW OF COMMUNICATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE RESERVED, THAT INSURANCE CONTROLS SEEMED JUSTIFIED, THAT AIR LINKS, PARTICULARLY FOR TRANSIT LANDINGS WERE NOT A VIOLATION OF SANCTIONS, RESERVED POSITION ON TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS, AND SUPPORTED INCORPORATING TRADE NAMES AS ILLEGAL, WITH RESERVATIONS. US PRESENTED POSITION AS INSTRUCTED BY DEPARTMENT.

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COSTA RICA EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO STRENGTHEN SANCTIONS IN

ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 41 OF CHARTER. CHINA SUPPORTED ALL SUGGESTIONS FOR TIGHTENING SANCTIONS, AS DID MAURITANIA AND TANZANIA. ITALY SUPPORTED RECOMMENDATIONS ON TRADE NAMES AND INSURANCE, BUT INDICATED RESERVATIONS ON CUTTING FLOW OF LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS. ITALY'S PASSPORTS ARE "NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL TO RHODESIA." ITALY DID SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT SECRETARIAT STUDY DOMESTIC IMPLEMENTATION OF SANCTIONS LEGISLATION. GUYANA AND BYELORUSSIA SUPPORTED ALL PROPOSALS.

2. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT FIRST DRAFT OF ANNUAL REPORT TO BE READY FROM SECRETARIAT NOV 25.

3. CASES 150 AND 152 WERE CLOSED.

4. UNDER OTHER BUSINESS, WORKING PAPERS 192 AND 193 WERE REVISED AT REQUEST OF UK. US NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT OF STATE WAS PREPARED TO DEAL IN WASHINGTON WITH EMBASSIES WHOSE GOVERNMENTS WISHED TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE DISCREPANCIES IN INFORMATION FURNISHED IN OUR PUARTERLY REPORTS. TANZANIA CALLED ATTENTION TO REPORTED VIOLATIONS IN INF 227, INCLUDING ADVERTISEMENT BY THOMAS COOK IMPLYING THAT RHODESIAN PASSPORTS WOULD BE ACCEPTED FOR TRAVEL TO PORTUGAL, SWITZERLAND AND GREECE.
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